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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN CULTURAL ATTACHE SEEKS AND GETS POLITICAL ASYLUM IN MEXICO

1. BENJAMIN GUZMAN, CULTURAL ATTACHE IN THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO, SOUGHT AND GOT POLITICAL ASYLUM FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. MR. GUZMAN STATED THAT "HE COULD NOT REMAIN SILENT ANY LONGER IN VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN MY COUNTRY." HE PROCEEDED WITH HIS STATEMENTS TO THE EXCELSIOR ON THE SIXTH OF JULY BY SEVERELY ACCUSING THE SALVADORAN JUNTA OF ITS INCOMPETENCE AND ITS SUPPORT OF INSTITUTIONALIZED TERRORISM BY THE MILITARY FORCES, NOW AIDED BY FBI AND CIA AGENTS.
2. MR. GUZMAN'S STRONGEST ATTACK WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE PREVALENT CORRUPTION AMONG GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, E.G. THE COFFEE INSTITUTE, THE INSTITUTE OF URBAN HOUSING, THE SOCIAL FUND FOR HOUSING, THE FEDERATION OF CREDIT HOUSES, THE INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION. THIS CORRUPTION IS PLANNED AND GEARED BY THE JUNTA IN ORDER TO WIN THE ELECTIONS OF NEXT YEAR AND CONTINUE ITS REIGN OF POWER AND TERROR, HE CONTINUED. IN THE PROCESS, MR. GUZMAN MENTIONED THAT PRESIDENT DUARTE HAS RENEGED ON HIS REVOLUTIONARY POSITION AND HAS SLOWLY SOLD HIMSELF TO THE OLIGARCHICAL FORCES BY CONVINCING THEM THAT THE PRESENT FOREIGN MINISTER, ONE FROM THEIR OWN SOCIAL CLASS, WILL BE A STRONG PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDER IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

3. MR. GUZMAN CONTINUED TO SPEAK TO EXCELSIOR ON THE SEVENTH OF JULY. AT THIS TIME, THE PRIME TARGET OF HIS ATTACK WAS THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. HE ACCUSED THE JUNTA OF BEING PRESSURED BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN ACCEPTING THE INSTALLATION IN EL SALVADOR OF A LOGISTICAL CENTER WHICH WOULD ALLOW, IN CASE OF AN "EMERGENCY," U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA. WITH NICARAGUA AS ITS SPECIAL TARGET. WITH THE INCREASING MILITARIZATION OF THE JUNTA AND THEIR DISTANCING FROM A POSSIBLE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS, THE MOOD IN GOVERNMENT IS TOWARDS REPRESSION, WITH THE OBVIOUS SUPPORT OF THE U.S. IN RETURN, THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE ITS MASSIVE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND USE HONDURAS, GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR AS POSSIBLE ALLIES IN THEIR INTERVENTIONIST AIMS TOWARDS NICARAGUA, HE CONCLUDED. (DRAFTED BY G. GUERRA-MONDRAGON) GAVIN